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IRREGULARITIES IN ROAD CONSTRUCTION UNDER PMGSY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of irregularities in the construction of roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether the Government proposes to strengthen the monitoring mechanism in the construction of roads under PMGSY; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI LALCHAND KATARIA)

(a)to(c): Complaints are received concerning various facets including irregularities in the construction of roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY).During the period 2011-12 and 2012-13 (upto October, 2012),66 complaints were received. Out of which, 5 complaints were sent to the respective State Governments for enquiry and appropriate action. In the case of remaining 61complaints, National Quality Monitors were deputed by National Rural Road Development Agency (NRRDA) for enquiry,out of which irregularities were noticed in 26 cases and reportswere sent to the States for rectification of defects and appropriate action. A statement containing State-wise details for years 2011-12 and 2012-13 is enclosed at Annexure-I& IIrespectively.

(d)&(e): As per the programme guidelines, ensuring the quality of the road works is the responsibility of the State Governments who are implementing the programme. A three- tier Quality Control Mechanism has been put in place under PMGSY. First tier is in-house quality control and second tier is independent monitoring at State level. These two tiers are the responsibility of the States implementing the programme. The third tier is envisaged as an independent monitoring mechanism at Central level. Under this tier, independent National Quality Monitors (NQMs) are engaged for inspection of roads, selected at randomof which inspection reportsare sent to the State Government concerned for appropriate action.